

# Saturday Night Talks

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## THE REGALIA OF THE KINGDOM.

International Bible Lesson for Sept. 11, '10—(Matt. 22:1-14).

Every organization, society, party, lodge and club among men has its members identified, at home and abroad. Only those who have been initiated, taught the mysteries, signed the proper documents are entitled to wear the badge of membership or reap the benefits of the order. But having passed the appointed tests and received the appropriate credentials the members are thenceforth designated and recognized by the badge, the pass word or the halling sign by all the brotherhood.

### Insignia of the Kingdom.

The Kingdom of Heaven is no exception to that rule. Those who come into it do so voluntarily, and thereafter are clothed in a regalia which is only bestowed upon those who have learned the mysteries of the spiritual kingdom. The king, in explaining what that insignia stands for, relates the parable of the wedding garment. He says that a certain king made a nuptial feast for his son, and sent out the invitations far and wide.

But his invitations were treated contemptuously and scorned by many, yet, in spite of this a great company gathered at the feast. According to Oriental custom, garments of beauty and rank were provided for the guests, which they were to wear as a compliment to the giver and a credential for the supper. But when the king came in to inspect the guests, he found a man who had scornfully refused to put on the regalia, a solitary and conspicuous example of independence, ingratitude and willful disregard of the proprieties. It was apparent at a glance that the offender had no business in such an assembly, and he was incontinently and emphatically ejected from the premises. In such vivid language the king sets forth the truth that certain credentials and badges of citizenship are essential to participation in the banquet of love. No one can by any possibility partake of the marriage supper unless he consents to wear the insignia of the realm.

### The Garment Described.

What is this garment of the parable? The prophet Isaiah a long time ago described it in these words: "He hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." In other words, character is the essential thing. In other organization the credential is blood, or money, or color, or sex or diploma, but in the kingdom of heaven only one thing is essential—character. Not that citizenship is composed of those who were born good and have never gone wrong; men and women are there who have gone to the bottom of iniquity, the chief of sinners, but they have been washed, purified, transformed, regenerated, covered with the robe of righteousness, provided for them by the master of the feast. And they wear that badge of citizenship as a token that they have been initiated. The Christian system is more than a system of doctrinal provisions, sacraments and ritualistic observances. Its requirements go down to the basis of all—the character of the individual soul.

### Many Degrees in the Kingdom.

And this badge does not signify that they know it all as yet. There are more than 32 degrees in spiritual mysteries. So long as earthly life lasts they will be investigating—going on unto perfection. The most advanced saint can say with Paul, "For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. For now, we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face. Now we know, in part, but then shall we know even as we are known."

Such being the case, it is apparent that the insignia of the kingdom is a universal token. All the guests at this feast were on a common level so far as their credentials were concerned. Some might have been wealthy and some poor; some influential and some mere nobodies. But they were all equal at the banquet board. The wedding garment is the same on the shoulders of the redeemed Hotentot as on those of the educated, refined and dignified American. They wear it in the jungles of India, on the ice fields of Labrador, in the mines of Siberia and on the ships of commerce sailing on every sea. It is the one, only, all-essential mark of loyalty and citizenship.

### The Regalia Essential.

The only man who was ejected from that feast was the man who neglected or rejected the regalia of the occasion. This man moved among the guests without interference till the king came in. It was not the province of his companions to sit in judgment on him. This is not the time for separation, but for ingathering. We are to invite the guests, not reject them. Let every man use his liberty. It is ours to remember that we ourselves are guests, not judges. The unerring eye of the king is the only vision competent to detect imposture and to point out the unworthy. That inspection is personal, unerring and final. And from its verdict there is no appeal.

"How will it fare then, with thee and me when the king comes in?"

# TALKS OF PERJURY

## Jerome Questions Truth of Skene Trial Witness.

### O'NEIL'S TESTIMONY IS DENIED

Asking That Jury Retire, Attorney For Accused Former State Engineer Declares That Lewis Says Evidence Is False.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Perjury charges are promised by William Travers Jerome growing out of the trial of former state engineer Skene for alleged holding up good roads contracts.

After inducing the judge to have the jury retire Mr. Jerome stated that he had been informed by Frederick N. Lewis of the Clinton Beckwith Engineering and Contracting company that Charles H. O'Neil had given false testimony concerning the cashing at the Hotel Albany, in New York, of a check for \$8,000.32 issued by the state engineer during Skene's term. Lewis, Mr. Jerome said, denied that he had induced O'Neil to cash the check, although the witness had described the incident in detail. Addressing Justice Coman, Mr. Jerome said:

"If the testimony of this man O'Neil is true it will have great weight against my client. If, on the other hand, he has perjured himself regard-



WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME.

ing this Lewis check, he himself is clearly criminally guilty, and such circumstance would have great weight with the jury in passing upon my testimony against my client. I therefore ask that the court sit as a committing magistrate here and now, as I am prepared to produce testimony that Lewis was never in the Hotel Albany and that he delivered the check to O'Neil in Albany on Jan. 16 and never had any connection with it or its proceeds thereafter. Such perjury if committed should not be permitted to pass without summary justice."

Justice Coman said that he was holding an extraordinary term of court for a specific purpose and doubted his jurisdiction to take up the matter suggested by Mr. Jerome.

Mr. Jerome then requested the court to instruct O'Neil, Murphy and Lewis to be on hand today under their subpoenas and asked Justice Coman if he would feel it was a discourtesy if they should bring the matter before some other magistrate. Justice Coman said he would not. Mr. Jerome then said that he expected to call Mr. Lewis and Mr. Murphy today and that if Mr. Murphy's testimony regarding the cashing of the check upheld that of O'Neil's they would then determine their next step.

### ASBURY PARK BABY PARADE.

150,000 Folks See Procession of Infants Decked to Look Different.

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 6.—More than 150,000 persons witnessed the baby parade here yesterday. The parade was down Ocean avenue from the big amphitheater, in which were the judges and the main body of spectators. There were eight divisions in the line and 750 entries.

The exhibit of miniature aeroplanes was good. There were also a good many Teddys in Africa and Uncle Sams and Mr. Gaynors convalescent. History and fiction had places in the line, and a good deal of contemporaneous literature and politics was illustrated by egotistic youngsters. After the parade there was a distribution of prizes, aggregating \$6,000 in value.

### APPLE CROP A FAILURE.

Yield in the Mohawk Valley and Adjacent Counties Smallest in Years.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 6.—One of the smallest apple crops in many years will be harvested in the Mohawk valley and adjacent counties this fall. In most cases the apple trees are barren of fruit, and where there has been a partial yield the apples are so small and worm eaten as to be hardly worth the picking. The crop in other years has given many hundreds of persons employment in the cider mills, but this fall very few of these mills will be in operation.

### Old Ball Player Dead.

New York, Sept. 6.—Johnnie Nelson, one of the old time ball players, died at his home, 135 Sumner avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday from heart failure. Nelson retired from the game after playing about thirty years. He played with the Metropolitans in New York.

## KING MENELIK.

Abyssinian Monarch in Serious Condition After Stroke of Paralysis.



Addis-Abeba, Abyssinia, Sept. 6.—The condition of King Menelik, who is reported to have had a stroke of apoplexy, is said to be critical.

### MORSE IN DUNGEON.

Convict Financier Disciplined by Penitentiary Warden.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 6.—Because he defied Captain William H. Moyer, warden of the United States penitentiary here, and refused to speak civilly Charles W. Morse, the banker, who is serving a fifteen year sentence, was, it is reported, made to spend two days in the prison dungeon.

Morse by his action also lost all right to "time off" for good behavior up to the day of his clash with the warden. His "good behavior" suit was taken from him, and he was put into a uniform worn by refractory criminals.

By reason of his age and lameness Morse when he entered the penitentiary Jan. 3 was given a clerical position in the hospital attached to the prison. This was considered one of the "soft berths."

Morse is said to have given money to one of the other convicts.

As it is against the rules for a convict in the prison to have any money in his possession, Morse was halted before the warden and questioned concerning the transaction. Morse, it is said, refused to reply to the warden's questions and grew so defiant that the warden ordered him searched.

One hundred dollars in bills were found in his clothes and was taken



Photo by American Press Association.

### CHARLES W. MORSE.

from him. The warden then warned Morse that he had violated a rule of the prison and was in danger of being degraded.

Morse continued his defiant attitude, however, until finally the warden said: "Mr. Morse, you may have been able to be insolent to others before you came here, but in this place I am your master, and you must answer civilly when I speak to you."

Just what Morse's answer was could not be learned, but it enraged the warden to the extent that he ordered the ex-banker thrown into a cell known as "the dungeon," which is practically dark. For two days Morse was kept there and given nothing but bread and water.

Morse went into the dungeon last Monday and was not released until Wednesday night. He was forced to put on a gray suit, which signifies the lowest grade and is given only to convicts that are rebellious.

### TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

Temp.	Weather.
New York . . . . . 81	Clear
Albany . . . . . 69	Clear
Atlantic City . . . . . 80	Clear
Boston . . . . . 66	Cloudy
Buffalo . . . . . 74	Cloudy
Chicago . . . . . 78	Cloudy
New Orleans . . . . . 82	Cloudy
St. Louis . . . . . 72	Rain
Washington . . . . . 80	Clear
Philadelphia . . . . . 82	Clear

# KAUFMAN VICTOR.

## Californian Defeats Australian Pugilist.

### HE GETS DECISION ON POINTS.

Winner of Philadelphia Bout May Fight Jack Johnson, Negro Champion of the Prizering, in a Year or So.

Philadelphia, Sept. 6.—Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight who may fight Jack Johnson in a year or so, defeated Bill Lang, the Australian champion, in a six round bout at the Philadelphia National league ball park last night in the presence of nearly 15,000 spectators, who went wild over the battle.

Kaufman showed that he was the heavier hitter and though slow in action he outpointed Lang in four of the rounds. In the fourth round he cut the bridge of Lang's nose with a heavy left and had him rocking from the effects of a terrific right handed blow on the jaw.

There was much clinching and the referee, a little man, found it almost impossible to tear the big pugilists



AL KAUFMAN.

apart. Kaufman had the first round by a slight margin because he landed the cleaner blows. Lang had the second round for the reason that he did more work than the Californian. He also had an advantage in the third round, but after that he weakened, as Kaufman began to fight with his best skill.

The crowd howled for a knockout, but the bout did not last long enough. Lang said after the bout that he would fight Kaufman again and would insist on twenty rounds or more. They may come together in England next winter. It was a novel entertainment and the big crowd had an exciting evening.

### ENGINEERS FEAR WAGE CUT.

Freight Drivers From Eastern Roads Are to Confer This Month.

New York, Sept. 6.—It is expected that representatives of locomotive engineers from all the roads running into New York will meet in New York late this month to agree on a standard rate of wages on the freight engines. They fear that the railroads in making their freight rates conform with the rulings of the interstate commerce commission may try to cut wages. The engineers believe there will be no trouble; that the companies will be willing to strain a point to avoid it.

### ELEVEN COUPLES MARRIED.

Wholesale Knot Tying in a Polish Catholic Church in Utica.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Eleven couples were simultaneously married in the Polish Catholic church here yesterday by the pastor, who completed the wholesale knot tying process in one hour. The eleven couples were married in the presence of 1,500 persons, who crowded the church edifice to the doors in an effort to witness a ceremony that smashes all local records for one day's weddings in a single church and with but one clergyman officiating.

### NEW AUTO RECORD.

Barney Oldfield Beat Old World's Mark For a Mile.

New York, Sept. 6.—Barney Oldfield, called the "speed king," established a new world's automobile record for a mile over a circular track at Brighton Beach yesterday. In his torpedo shaped Benz car he covered the eight furlong course in 49.45 seconds, beating the former mark of 50.45 seconds and smashing the track record of 52.35 seconds.

### CHURCHILL WOUNDED.

British Home Secretary Accidentally Injured at Smyrna.

Manchester, Sept. 6.—A dispatch from Smyrna to the Guardian says Winston Churchill, the home secretary, was accidentally wounded in the leg. He was operated upon at the English hospital in Smyrna and is doing well. The injury is not serious.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

## Number One.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to section twenty-six of article five of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, (if the Senate concur), That the following amendment to section twenty-six of article five of the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section 26 of Article V., which reads as follows: "Section 26. All laws relating to courts shall be general and of uniform operation, and the organization, jurisdiction, and powers of all courts of the same class or grade, so far as regulated by law, and the force and effect of the process and judgments of such courts, shall be uniform; and the General Assembly is hereby prohibited from creating other courts to exercise the powers vested by this Constitution in the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Orphans' Courts," be amended so that the same shall read as follows:—

Section 26. All laws relating to courts shall be general and of uniform operation, and the organization, jurisdiction, and powers of all courts of the same class or grade, so far as regulated by law, and the force and effect of the process and judgments of such courts, shall be uniform; but, notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution, the General Assembly shall have full power to establish new courts, from time to time, as the same may be needed in any city or county, and to prescribe the powers and jurisdiction thereof, and to increase the number of judges in any courts now existing or hereafter created, or to reorganize the same, or to vest in other courts the jurisdiction theretofore exercised by courts not of record, and to abolish the same wherever it may be deemed necessary for the orderly and efficient administration of justice.

A true copy of Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT McAFEE,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

## Number Two.

### RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so as to eliminate the requirement of payment of taxes as a qualification of the right to vote.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur), That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section one of article eight be amended, by striking out the fourth numbered paragraph thereof, so that the said section shall read as follows:—

Section 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject however to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact.

First. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second. He shall have resided in the State one year (or if, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months), immediately preceding the election.

Third. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

A true copy of Resolution No. 2.

ROBERT McAFEE,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

## Number Three.

### A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so as to consolidate the courts of common pleas of Allegheny County.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section six of article five be amended, by striking out the said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the district courts and courts of common pleas, subject to such changes as may be made by this Constitution or by law, shall be in Philadelphia vested in five distinct and separate courts of equal and co-ordinate jurisdiction, composed of three judges each. The said courts in Philadelphia shall be designated respectively as the court of common pleas number one, number two, number three, number four, and number five, but the number of said courts may be by law increased, from time to time, and shall be in like manner designated by successive numbers. The number of judges in any of said courts, or in any county where the establishment of an additional court may be authorized by law, may be increased, from time to time, and whenever such increase shall amount in the whole to three, such three judges shall compose a distinct and separate court as aforesaid, which shall be numbered as aforesaid. In Philadelphia all suits shall be instituted in the said courts of common pleas without designating the number of the said court, and the several courts shall distribute and apportion the business among them in such manner as shall be provided by rules of court, and each court, to which any suit shall be thus as-

signed, shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof, subject to change of venue, as shall be provided by law.

In the county of Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas shall be vested in one court of common pleas, composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts, and shall be subject to such changes as may be made by law, and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Resolution No. 3.

ROBERT McAFEE,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Number Four.

Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section eight, article nine, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—

"Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation," so as to read as follows:—

Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenue in excess of the interest on said debt or debts and of the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted; Provided, That a sinking fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.

ROBERT McAFEE,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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